

CITY OF GREGORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 16, 2025 | AT 6:00 PM
GREGORY CITY HALL, 120 W 6TH ST, GREGORY, SD 57533

The Gregory City Council met in regular session on Monday June 16, 2025, at 6:00 pm with Mayor Al Cerny presiding. The City Council members present were Kristi Drey, Ashley Lozano, Laura Petersen, Stacey Boes, Alex Hamilton, and Maurice Schlaht. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Guhner Kepler, Reporter Patty Connealy, City Attorney Rachelle Norberg, Library Director Tara Engel, Water Supervisor Marty Jung, Pool Manager Jana Winters, Chamber Director Jamie Braun, Chamber President Liz Vanoverschelde, P&Z Director Sam Flakus, and Finance Officer Trudy Waterman. Visitors Rachelle Bloom and four (4) city pool lifeguards: George Timanus, Destiny Senglemann, and Isaac and Mya Hull.

6:00 Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Corrections/Additions/Approval Motion to approve the Agenda as posted made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

Approval of Regular Council Minutes for June 2, 2025 Motion to approve the Minutes from June 2, 2025 made by Maurice Schlaht, seconded by Stacey Boes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Forum/Visitors - None

Department Head Reports - GED President Laura Petersen presented the City Council with a request for an RLF loan for a new local business and asked that the request be on the Agenda for July 7, 2025. **Chamber Director Jamie Braun** reminded the council that the Ribfest is coming up and stated that she was looking for volunteers for the event. She also stated that the carnival tickets for the Fourth of July have officially gone on sale, and that there is a price increase to \$20.00 a sheet, but that less tickets are required per ride now. **Library Director Tara Engel** reported that the summer program kids made homemade paint and painted Superhero capes to make their own costumes. Ms. Engel announced that Lakota Artist Mike Marshall will be at the library on June 30, 12-2 pm and the Art of Lakota Regalia presented by Marla Bull Bear will be on July 2, 11-12 pm. 9 sidewalk squares are primed for the Library Artwalk program, the squares are \$35 each with the proceeds going to the library programs. The squares can be painted until June 26th, voting starts June 30th and People's Choice Awards will be July 3. The library also received 100 new books through the Pilcro Grant program again this year. **Finance Officer Trudy Waterman** reported from the Annual Financial Conference regarding the upcoming Open Meetings Laws changes and stated that the Council is required to review the mandates annually and reflect in the minutes when the reviews occur. Ms. Waterman also reported that there will need to be changes in digital communications to ensure compliance with the state. Although the recommendations are not yet mandated, extra precautions should be taken to preserve the integrity of the governing body.

Committee Reports - None

Conflict of Interest – None

New Business

A. Building Permits Motion to enter Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried. P&Z Director Sam Flakus addressed the Council regarding the current permit applications. The Mohler request requires a variance to place the storage shed close to the property line. The P&Z did receive the okay from the affected neighbors that the placement of the shed 12" from the property line was acceptable. The P&Z recommended approval. The Drees request requires a variance to place the covered addition on the front of the house. The house is already four feet over the property line, as is the entire block, and the eight-foot addition requires a twelve-foot variance. The P&Z reported a split vote with Gregg Drees abstaining. Councilmember Boes asked if the addition restricted street or intersection visibility, Mr. Flakus

answered no. Mr. Flakus stated that the placement of the Jensen Design sign request was acceptable and that the P&Z could approve the sign if it met the other ordinance requirements.

1. Jaimie Braun Mohler – Storage shed w/variance Motion to approve the permit with the variance made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Alex Hamilton. All ayes. Motion carried.
2. Gregg Drees – Front porch with cover w/variance Motion to approve the permit w/variance made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Alex Hamilton. Roll call vote 4-2: Stacey Boes-Yeah, Alex Hamilton-Yeah, Laura Petersen-Yeah, Maurice Schlaht-Yeah, Ashley Lozano-Nay, Kristi Drey-Nay.
3. Jeremy Jensen – Sign at Workforce Suites 427 E 1st St Decision by council to wait for the permit to be submitted.
Motion to exit Board of Adjustment made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

B. One-Day Alcoholic Beverage Licenses/Spiking Permits

1. Gregory Community Foundation (4H Quonset) Polka Fest 7/3/2025
2. Gregory Lanes All School Reunion Social 7/3/2025
3. Gregory Lanes Beer Garden 7/2-7/5-2025
4. Mary Bob’s Turtle Races 7/2-7/5-2025
5. Bill’s Bar (Gregory Auditorium) Wedding Dance 10/4/2025

Motion to approve the One-Day Alcoholic Licenses/Spiking Permits, as listed, made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

C. Pool Condition Update PWS Kepler and WS Jung reported that the pool is losing a large amount of water. According to WS Jung’s calculations the pool had lost 110,000 gallons of water from Wednesday June 11 until Monday June 16. Concrete was drilled to find a leak, but no leaks were found. Kepler stated that Bud Jacobsen could conduct a pressure test on the pipes to rule out pipe leakage and if there are no leaks the next move would be to hire a pool company to try to locate the problem. The city’s lifeguards are assigned other work around the park and city to help keep their hours up while a solution is being sought. Jana Winters and Laura Petersen proposed busing kids to the Winner pool two days a week. Ms. Winters holds a CDL, and the City of Gregory would provide the bus with no charge to the swimmers. **Swimmers will be responsible for their entrance fee and concessions.** The Council also suggested that one or two of the lifeguards rotate, making the trip to help Ms. Winters with the kids. Motion to approve the plan to bus the kids to Winner and pay for the bus rent and the fuel made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Laura Petersen. All ayes. Motion carried.

D. Food Truck Ordinance Proposal/Vendor Permits Motion to approve the first reading of City of Gregory Ordinance 2025-01 regarding mobile food vendors made by Laura Petersen, seconded by Maurice Schlaht. All ayes. Motion carried.

E. Sewer Cap Fine Amount Decision to establish an Ordinance addressing the sewer cap issue. Ordinance will be introduced at the next meeting.

F. Rent Quonset on Old Hospital Grounds Decision was made to not rent out the Quonset and retain it for city storage.

G. Park Bathrooms Discussion regarding the upgrade of the park bathrooms resulted in the decision to install new fixtures, repaint the interiors, and address the doors. Additionally, installing a new hot water heater was discussed. The installation of cameras pointing toward the park bathroom entrances, and a commitment by the GPD to increase surveillance, will hopefully reduce the opportunities for future vandalism and damage to the bathrooms.

H. HVAC Unit at Nutrition Center - Cost Estimates (Kucera Electric Inc and Taylor Plumbing & Heating Inc) Motion to accept the quote/estimate from Kucera Electric to replace the A/C unit at the Senior Nutrition Center in the amount of \$6,964.70 made by Ashley Lozano, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

I. Pay Claims

Report Title	Claims Report
Period	06/03/2025 To 06/16/2025

Vendor Name	References	Amount
GREGORY COMM SUNSHINE CLU	PARK FLOWERS/BEAUTIFICATION	\$ 1,000.00
MR. AUTOMOTIVE	REPAIRS/MAINTENANCE	\$204.90
GREGORY ECONOMIC DEVEL	PASS THRU GRANT-GCF-PICKLEBALL	\$ 2,000.00
TRIPP COUNTY WATER USER DIST	MONTHLY WA SERVICE	\$ 3,000.00
GREGORY PUBLIC LIBRARY	APRIL MAY	\$1,349.41
GREGORY SCHOOL DISTRICT	1/2 COST AUD LIGHT PROJECT YR3	\$ 2,486.21
ROSEBUD FARMERS UNION	FUELS/UTILITIES	\$2,785.30
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	\$170.46
GREGORY BASEBALL ASSOC	PASS-T- GRANT-GCF-CROWS NEST	\$ 5,000.00
SANITATION PRODUCTS INC	SWEEPER PARTS	\$ 578.00
SCOTT'S AUTO REPAIR	PD F150 OIL CHANGE	\$ 74.00
PETTY CASH	POSTAGE	\$65.35
GREGORY TIMES-ADVOCATE	PUBLISHING	\$591.89
HAWKINS INC	POOL CHEMICALS	\$ 6,394.56
HARRY K NAPA	ST 32 OZ PSF	\$ 13.50
SPENCER QUARRIES INC	518.82 T CHIPS 2025 ST PROJ	\$ 7,912.00
KLEIN'S TRUE VALUE	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	\$379.91
TOTAL YARD CARE/LONNIE KLUNDT	FERTILIZE/SPRAY BALLFIELDS	\$ 905.00
TRI-STATE TURF & IRRIGATION	SERVICE PARK SPRINKLERS	\$ 192.15
STANDY ROCK & GRAVEL, LLC	2704.12T GRAVEL 2025 ST PROJ	\$ 50,026.22
MARTY JUNG	REIMBURSE	\$147.46
US POSTAL SERVICE	PO BOX SERVICE FEE	\$ 188.00
CORE & MAIN LP	3 WELLLFIELD PUMPS	\$ 3,460.84
VERIZON WIRELESS	WA	\$503.25
NORTHERN PLAINS LLC	20' CULVERT (7TH & CHURCH)	\$ 935.00
EFTPS	Payroll Run	\$5,751.89
SDRS SUPP RETIREMENT	Payroll Run	\$1,275.00
SDRS	Payroll Run	\$2,869.40
AFLAC	Payroll Run	\$357.00
BREIT & BOOMSMA, P.C.	Payroll Run	\$ 340.37
DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT	Payroll Run	\$ 379.00
TARA ENGEL	LIB MILEAGE REIMB - PIERRE	\$ 87.50
APPEARA	SUPPLIES/MATERIALS	\$199.89
COUNTRY BLISS FLOORING LLC	REPLACE PD OFFICE FLOORING	\$ 1,332.60

GREGORY POOL ACCOUNT	PASS THRU GRANT – GCF – POOL	\$ 5,000.00
OFFICE PRODUCTS CENTER	SUPPLIES/CONTRACT	\$243.73
CYBERTEK SYSTEMS	IT/BACKUP/SECURITY/MICROSOFT	\$2,316.39
GOLDEN WEST TELECOM	PHONE/INTERNET	\$973.53
GREGORY BUILDING CENTER	REPAIRS/REMODEL	\$3,961.22
Total		\$115,540.93

Motion to pay claims made by Alex Hamilton, seconded by Kristi Drey. All ayes. Motion carried.

J. **Executive Session (if Necessary)-None**

K. **Adjourn** Motion to adjourn made by Kristi Drey, seconded by Ashley Lozano. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mayor Al Cerny

ATTEST: _____
Finance Officer Trudy Waterman